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P R E A M B L E .

WE, whose names are annexed, desirous of forming a Society to shield us from the evils of Intemperance, afford mutual assistance in case of sickness, and elevate our characters as men—do pledge ourselves to be governed by the following Constitution and By-Laws.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.--Name.

This Association shall be known as the ST. LAWRENCE DIVISION, No. 9, OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE, OF CANADA EAST.

ARTICLE II.--Pledge.

No brother shall make, buy, sell, or use, as a beverage, any Spirituous or Malt Liquors, Wine, or Cider.*

ARTICLE III.--Officers.

The Officers shall consist of a W. P., W. A., R. S., A. R. S., F. S., T., C., A. C., I. S., and O. S., all of whom shall be elected by ballot every three months, viz. : last regular meetings in September, December, March and June ; and installed the first regular meetings in October, January, April and July.†

* The following resolution, explanatory of the Pledge of the Order, was unanimously adopted at the fourth annual session of the National Division :

“ Resolved, That the National Division hereby declare that the true intent and meaning of the Pledge is to prohibit the manufacture, purchase, sale, and use of all alcoholic or intoxicating liquors as a beverage, whether enumerated by name in the Pledge or not.” M. W. S.

† A P. W. P. is not a constitutional officer. M. W. S.

ARTICLE 4.—Duties of Officers.

SECT. 1.—It shall be the duty of the W. P. to preside in the Division, enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-Laws, and exact a compliance to the Rules and Usages of the Order ; to see that all Officers perform their respective duties ; appoint all committees and officers not otherwise provided for ; give the casting vote on all matters before the Division, when a tie may occur ; inspect and announce the result of all balloting or other votes ; direct the R. S. to call special meetings when application shall be made in writing, by five members of the Division ; draw upon the T. for all sums necessary to pay the benefits provided for by the Constitution and By-Laws, and other appropriations made by the Division. He shall, on the night he vacates the chair, see that the Quarterly Returns are prepared for the Grand Division, and the per centage appropriated, and forward the same in time for the Quarterly Session, certified by him, with the seal of the Division. He shall perform such other duties as the Division or his charge shall require.

SECT. 2.—It shall be the duty of the W. A. to render the W. P. such assistance as he may require of him, and in the absence of the W. P., the W. A. shall perform his duties.

SECT. 3.—The R. S. shall keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of the Division ; write communications ; notify all Subordinate Divisions not more than ten miles off its place of meeting, within one week after, of the name, occupation and residence of every person suspended, rejected or expelled from this Division. He shall fill up certificates ; notify meetings when ordered by the W. P. ; attest to all monies ordered to be paid at a regular meeting, and none other. He shall make out at the end of his term, for the Division, a full report of the proceedings during his term ; and also the quarterly returns to the Grand Division, which shall embrace the number of members initiated, admitted by card, initiated by dispensation, suspended, re-instated, and who have withdrawn during his term—together with the names and occupations of those suspended, expelled, and rejected, with the dates, and causes of expulsion, the number who

violate the pledge, how many sign over, and how many violate it the second time, the number of deaths, and the whole number of actual contributing members—the amount of receipts for initiation fees and dues, with the per centage due the Grand Division—the amount expended for benefits, with the amount on hand—and, with the W. P., certify to the same. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Division or his charge ; and deliver up to his successor, within one week from the expiration of his term, all books, papers, or other property in his possession belonging to his office.

SECT. 4.—The A. R. S. shall be an aid to the R. S., under whose direction he shall act. He shall render such assistance to the R. S. in the performance of his duties, as he or the Division may require of him.

SECT. 5.—It shall be the duty of the F. S. to keep just and true accounts between the Division and its members ; credit the amounts paid, and pay the same over to the T. immediately, taking his receipt. He shall, just previous to the close of his term, notify every member who is two months or more in arrears, of the amount due by him to the Division, adding 7½¢. to each notice. At the end of his term, he shall make out for the Division a full report ; and furnish the R. S. with the amount of receipts for initiation fees and dues during his term, with any other information connected with his office necessary to enable the R. S. to prepare correct returns for the Grand Division. He shall perform such other duties as the Division or his charge may require of him. He shall deliver up to his successor all matters appertaining to his office in his possession.

SECT. 6.—It shall be the duty of the T. to pay all orders drawn on him by the W. P., attested by the R. S., and none others ; he shall receive all monies of the Division, and hold the same until the expiration of his term, unless otherwise ordered by the Division. He shall keep a full and correct account of all monies received and expended. He shall give the Division a monthly statement of the funds ; and deliver up, when legally called upon, all monies, books, papers, and other property of the Division, to his successor in office, or to whom the Division may specially appoint. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Division or his charge.

SECT. 7.—It shall be the duty of the C. to introduce for initiation persons who have been previously elected. He shall also introduce visitors, and furnish them with suitable regalia. He shall with the aid of the A. C., examine those present at the opening of the Division. He shall see that the officers' regalia are in their proper places at the opening of the Division, and take charge of the same at the close. He shall have charge of such property of the Division as may not be otherwise provided for, and render a full report to the Division at the end of his term.

SECT. 8.—It shall be the duty of the A. C., to render such services as the C. or Division may require of him.

SECT. 9.—It shall be the duty of the I. S. to attend the door—to admit none but members of the Order, and candidates for initiation.

SECT. 10.—The O. S. shall guard the door outside, and keep off intruders.

ARTICLE 5.—Eligibility for Membership.

SECT. 1.—No person shall be initiated into this Division under eighteen years of age, nor for a less sum than ten shillings.

SECT. 2.—No person shall be admitted into this Division who does not possess a good moral character, or who is in any way incapacitated from earning a livelihood, or has no visible means of support. Provided, that persons of old age, or under disability or disease, may be admitted, but remain in the position of members not entitled to benefits.

SECT. 3.—The name of a person offered for membership must be proposed by a member in writing, stating age, residence, and business, which must be entered on the record, and the subject referred to three brothers for investigation, who shall report in writing at a succeeding meeting, when the candidate shall be balloted for with ball ballots, and if not more than *four* black balls appear against him, he shall be declared elected; but if *five* or more black balls appear, he shall be rejected, and so declared. No person so rejected shall be again proposed in any Division of the Order under six months.*

SECT. 4.—A proposition for membership shall not be

* A proposition for membership may be received at a special meeting. M. W. S.

withdrawn after it has been referred to a committee for investigation, without the consent of a majority of the members present.

SECT. 5.—A vote of rejection may be reconsidered within three meetings, exclusive of the meeting at which the vote was taken. But a vote that has resulted in an election, shall not be reconsidered.

SECT. 6.—The name of a candidate or brother constitutionally suspended, rejected or expelled, shall not be published in any other manner than the usual notice to the Divisions.

SECT. 7.—Any brother applying for membership by deposit of card, shall be subject to the same ballot as a new applicant.

ARTICLE 6.—Contributions and Benefits.

SECT. 1.—The regular dues to this Division shall not be less than three pence per week.

SECT. 2.—Every *bona fide* member, who shall be qualified as required by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Division, shall, in case of sickness or disability, be entitled to, and receive weekly, not less than One Dollar; except it be shown that such sickness or disability be brought on by his own improper conduct. Nevertheless, this Division may suspend benefits by a two-third vote of the members present at a regular meeting, after two weeks' notice of such action.

SECT. 3.—No brother residing within five miles of the Division of which he is a member, shall be entitled to benefits for more than one week previous to his case being reported to such Division. No benefits shall be granted for a less time than one week. All arrears, either for dues or fines, shall in every case be deducted from the first payment.

SECT. 4.—In case of the death of a brother entitled to benefits, the sum of not less than Fifteen Dollars shall be appropriated as a funeral benefit. The W. P., in the absence of competent relations or friends, shall take charge of the funeral, and keep an account of the disbursements.

SECT. 5.—On the death of the wife of a brother, also beneficial, he shall be entitled to the sum of not less than two pounds ten shillings, as a funeral benefit.

ARTICLE 7.—Offence.

SECT. 1.—Any member who shall offend against these Articles, or the By-Laws, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as two-thirds of the members present, at any regular meeting, may determine.

SECT. 2.—Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving reprimand, suspension, or expulsion; but no member shall be put on trial, unless charges, duly specifying his offence, be submitted in writing by a member of the Division.

SECT. 3.—When charges have been preferred against a brother in a proper manner, or any matters of grievance between brothers are brought before the Division, they shall be referred to a special committee of five members, who shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, examine and determine the matter in question; and if their decision does not involve the suspension or expulsion of a member, and no appeal be taken from it to the Division, it shall be final, without other action. Should the committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a member, they shall submit a motion for the purpose to the Division, for action.

SECT. 4.—When a motion for the expulsion or suspension of a member shall have been submitted in due form, it shall be announced at one regular meeting previous to action being taken; and the accused shall be summoned to be in attendance at the Division, at the time when it may have been determined to consider the question—at which time, whether the implicated member be present or not, the Division may proceed to consider and determine it. Two-thirds of the members present voting in favor of the motion, it shall be carried; but the Division shall be fully competent, while such motion is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original motion.*

SECT. 5.—When the decision of a committee appointed under Sect. 3 of this Article, otherwise final, shall not be satisfactory to all parties, either of those interested shall have the privilege of an appeal to the Division; and at the time appointed for trying the appeal, the committee shall present to the Division, in writing, the grounds on

* A member suspended for the period of six months or longer, for non-payment of dues, may be admitted as a new member.

which their decision was founded ; and the parties shall have the privilege of being heard before the Division ; and the Division shall determine the correctness of the decision of the committee by a majority of votes present.

SECT. 6.—Any member having been expelled, shall not be proposed for membership under six months from the date of expulsion.

SECT. 7.—The provisions of this Article shall not extend to violations of Article 2.

ARTICLE 8.—Terms.

Regular Quarterly Terms shall commence on the first of October, January, April, and July, Officers elected previous to the expiration of half the Term, shall be entitled to the full honours of the Term. Those elected after half the Term has expired, shall not count the honours, except where they may be elected to fill vacancies occasioned by resignation, suspension, expulsion, or death, in which case the brother who serves the residue of the Term shall be entitled to the full honours, and he who resigns, or is suspended or expelled, shall forfeit his claim.

ARTICLE 9.—Eligibility for Chief Officers.

SECT. 1.—After a Division has been instituted three terms, no brother shall be eligible to the office of W. P. unless he has served a regular quarterly term as W. A., nor shall any brother be eligible to the office of W. A., unless he has served two terms in a subordinate office or offices, or as Chaplain.

SECT. 2.—No brother shall be eligible to the office of W. P., W. A., or T., who is under twenty-one years of age.

ARTICLE 10.—Violating Article 2.

SECT. 1.—Any member who knows a brother to have violated Article 2, and neglects to prefer the charge and specify the offence to the Division, within three weeks after the violation shall have come to his knowledge, shall be fined five shillings.

SECT. 2.—The charge for violation of Article 2, shall be presented in writing, duly signed, when it shall be referred to a committee of five members, who shall, as soon as practicable, summon the parties, and investigate the matter.

SECT. 3.—The committee shall organize by appointing a chairman and secretary. The secretary shall make a correct record of the proceedings, with such testimony as may be presented, which record shall be produced to the Division on the call of any member, after the committee have reported.

SECT. 4.—If the committee agree that the charge is sustained, they shall report the fact to the Division, by resolution, with a second resolution to the effect that the brother be reinstated or expelled, as the case may be ; which report and resolutions shall lie upon the table at least one week, and the offending brother shall be notified of the character of the resolutions, by the R. S., and requested to be present at the time appointed for considering the same, with a view of giving him an opportunity to make a defence.

SECT. 5.—If the committee agree that the charge is not sustained, they shall report a resolution to that effect, and if the resolution be adopted, the charge shall be dismissed.

SECT. 6.—When the committee report the charge sustained, and a majority of the members present at a regular meeting ballot in favour thereof, the offending person shall forfeit his membership, and the W. P. shall direct his name to be erased from the Constitution. If a majority of the Division vote in opposition to the resolution, all further proceedings shall be stayed, subject to appeal.*

SECT. 7.—If two thirds of those voting are in favour of reinstating a member who has been found guilty of violating Article 2, he shall be restored to membership by resigning the Constitution, and paying, for the first offence, five shillings, and for the second offence, ten shillings, which shall be paid to the F. S. by the meeting succeeding the vote, or the member to stand suspended until the fine is paid. The power to reinstate, however, shall not extend over the term of one month from the time the offence was proven.

SECT. 8.—When the Division vote in favor of reinstatement, and the member neglects to come forward to sign the Constitution for one month thereafter, he may be declared expelled by a two-third vote.

* Erasure of name for violation of Art. II., as per Art. X., Sec. 6. is not expulsion. An expelled member cannot be reinstated.
M. W. S.

SECT. 9.—If a Division refuse to reinstate a member, he shall be declared expelled by the W. P., and the R. S. shall give the usual notice.

SECT. 10.—A member convicted of violation of the pledge, after the second time, can be re-instated by a two-third vote of the Division, the Division prescribing the penalty.

SECT. 11.—If a brother come forward and acknowledge that he has violated Article 2, (except it be the third offence,) the Division, after erasure of name, &c., may, at their option, reinstate him on the same evening, if two-thirds of the members voting are in favour thereof.

SECT. 12.—An officer or representative to the Grand Division violating Article 2, shall not be eligible to fill any official position for twelve months from the time he is re-instated.

SECT. 13.—A member expelled under this Article shall not be eligible for membership under six months thereafter.

ARTICLE 11.

No alteration or addition shall be made to this Constitution, unless by a two-third vote of the National Division.

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ARTICLE 1.—~~Meetings.~~

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Sect. 1.—This Division shall meet on ~~Friday~~ evening of each week, to transact general business, and diffuse the principles of Temperance and Benevolence. The Division shall be opened at Eight o'clock, P. M., precisely. The Division shall come to order within ten minutes of the appointed time, and in the absence of the W. P. and W. A., the senior P. W. P. present shall take the chair.

Sect. 2.—~~Nine~~ members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, at any meeting of this Division.

Sect. 3.—No brother shall be permitted to enter the Division, unless clothed in regalia.

Sect. 4.—Special meetings may be called in accordance with article IV. of the Constitution, but no appropriation of money shall be made except at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE 2.—Duty of Officers.

Sect. 1.—It shall be the duty of the J. P. W. P. of this Division to act in the capacity of P. W. P., and deliver the charge of his office to candidates, and perform all other duties appertaining to the office, and preside over the Division in the absence of the W. P., W. A. or a senior P. W. P.

Sect. 2.—It shall be the duty of the W. P. on the night of his installation to appoint a Chaplain for the quarter ; to name four brothers who, with himself, the W. A., and T., shall constitute a Visiting Committee ; also, three brothers who shall constitute a Committee of Finance and Audit, and three for a Committee of Investigation, when candidates are proposed for membership.

Sect. 3.—The W. P. shall be chairman of the visiting Committee, and in case of the sickness of a brother he shall appoint, in rotation, two brothers to act as watchers, who shall attend to such duty or provide a substitute, under the penalty of five shillings, provided always, that the disease be not contagious, infectious or dangerous to others, in which case the committee shall, if necessary, employ a nurse, to be paid from the funds of the Division.

Sect. 4.—It shall be the imperative duty of the W. P. to enforce the penalties of the Constitution and By-Laws upon any brother who renders himself liable to them, unless excused by a two-third vote of the Division.

Sect. 5.—It shall be the duty of the R. S., to record in the Black Book the names and residences of all persons rejected, suspended, or expelled from this Division, with the dates, and causes of rejection, suspension, or expulsion, and also the names of parties reported from other Divisions as rejected, suspended, or expelled.

Sect. 6.—Upon the election of any person as member of this Division, the R. S. shall forthwith give written notice thereof to the individual so elected, and such election shall stand good for six weeks and no longer, unless the candidate is unavoidably absent from town, or disabled by sickness.

Sect. 7.—It shall be the duty of the F. S. to receive the Bonds of the Trustees and Treasurer, and hold the same in trust for the Division.

Sect. 8.—The Treasurer, prior to his installation in office, shall give a joint and several Bond to the W. P., or his successor in office, in the sum of Twenty Five Pounds, with two sureties, to be approved of by the Division, for the faithful performance of his duty as Treasurer; and he shall at the end of each month, pay over to the Trustees all sums exceeding Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings, taking their receipt, which shall be his voucher for the same.

Sect. 9.—The Conductor shall place in the Ante-Room, before the Division opens, a sufficient number of regalia to accommodate the brethren. He shall also keep

at all times, regalia clean and in good order, corresponding with the number of members, at the expence of the Division, to be used at funerals and other special occasions, when required.

ARTICLE 3.—Admission.

Sect. 1.—Every brother, on being admitted, shall sign the Constitution and By-Laws of this Division, and thereby agree to support the same, and pay all legal demands against him, so long as he remains a member. He shall also furnish the F. S. with his residence, and in the case of changing or removing, he shall notify him thereof, within one month thereafter, under the penalty of One Shilling and Three Pence.

Sect. 2.—Before a Candidate is initiated in this Division, it shall be the duty of the W. A. to enquire of him whether he is subject to any hereditary or intermittent disease, which will be likely to render him chargeable to the Division: and if it shall afterwards appear that the Candidate concealed any knowledge of this kind from the Division, it shall debar him from receiving any benefits in case of disability resulting or having origin from such disease.

ARTICLE 4.—Duty of Members.

Sect. 1.—When a person has been proposed for membership, the fact that such a proposition has been made, shall not be mentioned by any brother to any person who is not a member of *this Division*, until a decision shall have been had on the proposition, and not then, unless such decision is favorable.

Sect. 2.—It is particularly enjoined that all members of this Division shall treat each other with courtesy and respect, and that all ungenerous remarks, personal allusions, or sarcastic language, be carefully avoided, by which the feelings of any brother may be wounded, and the most prominent objects of our institution (temperance, benevolence, and harmony,) be diminished or interrupted; and that all discussions be conducted in that spirit of candor, moderation, and open generosity, which is productive of concord and good fellowship; and it shall be the duty of the W. P. to suppress any thing to the contrary.

Sect. 3.—No brother shall be permitted to vote on any subject on the evening of his initiation.

ARTICLE 5.—Committees.

Sect. 1.—Visiting Committee.—It shall be the duty of the Visiting Committee to visit brothers reported sick, to render them such assistance as the case may require, except the brother is sick of some infectious disease. They shall visit the sick in the following order: The Treasurer on Saturday; Sick Committee, No. 1, on Sunday; Sick Committee, No. 2, on Monday; Sick Committee, No. 3, on Tuesday; Sick Committee, No. 4, on Wednesday; the W. A., on Thursday, and the W. P. on Friday, all of whom shall render a verbal report at each meeting of the Division, until the brother is declared well; and either of the Committee failing to visit the sick on the day appointed for him so to do, shall be fined *One Shilling and Three Pence*, for each case; sickness or absence from the city only excepted. The Visiting Committee shall be exempt from watching with the sick.

Sect. 2.—Investigating Committee.—It shall be the duty of the Investigating Committee to receive the propositions for membership, and if not personally acquainted with the Candidates, they shall call upon the References, and ascertain their character and health, and make their Reports to the Division: they shall have access to the Black Book, and make themselves acquainted with the matters therein recorded.

Sect. 3.—Committee of Finance and Audit.—It shall be the duty of this Committee to examine all Bills and Accounts against the Division, and if in their opinion correct, they shall endorse their names upon the same. They shall audit the accounts of the F. S. and T., and report at the next meeting after their appointment.

Sect. 4.—Special Committees.—All Committees appointed for special purposes shall report their doings, in writing, to the Division, signed by a majority; and no person shall be appointed Chairman of any Committee unless he be present at the time of appointment.

Sect. 5.—Should a vacancy occur in any Committee, the same shall be filled at the next meeting of the Division.

ARTICLE 6.—Fees and Dues.

Sect. 1.—The Initiation Fee of this Division shall be Ten Shillings, for all persons between the age of Eighteen and Twenty-five; Twelve Shillings and Sixpence from 25 to 35; Fifteen Shillings from 35 to 45; Seventeen Shillings and Sixpence from 45 to 50; and Twenty-five Shillings from 50 to 60, after which age, One ~~Shilling~~ admission fees, and the sum of Five Shillings per annum, will be exacted; but persons over that age (60) cannot be admitted as benefit members.

Sect. 2.—The regular dues to the Division shall be One Shilling and Eight-pence per month, from each member, payable on the last Friday in each month, and no brother will be entitled to receive the quarterly pass-word until he is clear of the books of the F. S. Any member may, however, pay any number of months in advance. Any member initiated during the month and previous to the evening when the monthly dues are paid, shall be liable to pay the monthly dues for the month in which he became a member.

Sect. 3.—On the death of a brother, should the funds so far decrease as to render it necessary, the Division shall have power by a two-third vote, to assess each member, not exceeding two shillings and six pence, in addition to the monthly dues; and on the death of a brother's wife, a sum not exceeding one shilling and three-pence.

Sect. 4.—The Division shall furnish Regalia to members at the rate of Two Shillings and Six pence each.

ARTICLE 7.—Benefits.

Sect. 1.—No Brother shall be entitled to benefits until he shall have been a member of this Division ~~one year~~.

Sect. 2.—The benefits of this Division shall be not less than Ten Shillings per week for a sick or disabled brother.

Sect. 3.—In case of the death of a brother entitled to benefits, the sum of Five Pounds shall be appropriated for the funeral expences: and for the wife of a brother, (also beneficial) the sum of Two Pounds Ten Shillings, and in all cases when so entitled, the parties to be under obligation to receive them.

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ARTICLE 8.—*Fines and Penalties.*

Sect. 1.—Every elected officer, who shall absent himself from the Division at the time of its opening, shall be subject to and pay a fine of seven pence half-penny. Should either the R. S. or F. S. fail to have their books in the Division at the opening of the same, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of two shillings and sixpence. Should the officers when duly notified, fail to attend any special meeting when convened by the W. P., they shall be subject to the same fines as at regular meetings.

Sect. 2.—Any elected officer absenting himself for three successive nights of meeting (except in case of sickness or absence from town) shall be liable to have his seat declared vacant by a vote of the Division.

Sect. 3.—Should the R. S. refuse or neglect to attend to the duties required of him, under sections 5 and 6 of article 2, he shall be subject to pay the fine of one shilling and threepence for each offence.

Sect. 4.—If any member be convicted of felony, fraud, or any disgraceful crime, or be guilty of any conduct bringing disgrace and reproach upon the Order, or if he follow any wicked or improper practices, or use any unlawful means in procuring a livelihood, if proof be made thereof, he shall be fined, suspended, or expelled, as the Division may direct.

Sect. 5.—Any member who shall in the Division make use of any profane or indecent language, or refuse to obey the commands of the W. P. when called to order, or use disrespectful expressions towards the officers or members, shall be subject to a fine for each offence not exceeding five shillings.

Sect. 6.—Any member who shall divulge the name of a brother who has voted against any person proposed to become a Son of Temperance, or misrepresents the discussions of the Division, so as to cause disturbance or angry feelings among the brethren, or reveals private business done in this or any other Division to a person not a Son of Temperance, shall be fined not less than two shillings and sixpence, suspended, or expelled, as the Division may determine.

Sect. 7.—Any brother receiving benefits from the Di-

vision, who may be found imposing thereon, by feigning sickness or disability, shall be fined, suspended, or expelled, as the Division may determine.

Sect. 8.—Any brother refusing or neglecting to obey the legal summons of the Division, or of any Committee appointed by the Division, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five shillings.

ARTICLE 9.—Trustees.

Sect. 1.—At the first regular meeting in January, annually, there shall be elected by a majority of votes, three members of this Division, who shall be denominated—“Trustees of the Funds and Investments of Saint Lawrence Division, Number Nine, Sons of Temperance, of Canada East, whose duty it shall be to hold in trust for this Division, all stocks, securities, investments, properties and funds; and to transfer, exchange or deposit the same, or any part thereof, whenever required under these laws so to do. The said Trustees shall deposit in person, all monies in their hands, in such Bank as the Division may direct, in the name of “The Trustees of Saint Lawrence Division, Number Nine, Sons of Temperance, of Canada East,” not to be drawn out unless their draft is countersigned by the W. P. and R. S., and no amount shall be drawn without the consent of the Division, by a two-third vote at a regular meeting.

Sect. 2.—The Trustees shall appoint one of their number to act as chairman, whose duty it shall be to report to the Division at the next meeting after making a deposit. They shall also make a quarterly return of the state of the Bank fund and other property.

Sect. 3.—The said Trustees, previous to entering upon their duties, shall give a joint and several Bond to the Division, in such sum as the Division may from time to time require, with two sureties, to be approved by the Division, for a faithful performance of their duties.

Sect. 4.—Either of the said Trustees for non-performance of his duty, or other misconduct, may be removed from office by a two-third vote of the Division, at any regular meeting, a motion to that effect having laid over at least one week.

Sect. 5.—Neither the W. P., W. A., R. S., F. S., or T., shall be eligible to serve as Trustee.

Sect. 6.—The funds of this Division shall in no instance be loaned to private individuals.

Sect. 7.—The funds of this Division shall not be appropriated for any purpose except for Benefits and incidental expences, sickness or the relief of Brothers in sickness or distress, unless voted by two-thirds of the Division.

ARTICLE 10.—~~Withdrawing and Adjoining.~~

Sect. 1.—Any Brother may withdraw from this Division and demand his card, by paying up all dues and demands that may be against him on the Books, unless there are charges against him which are under investigation by the Division at the time of his application to withdraw.

Sect. 2.—Brothers joining this Division by card shall pay half Initiation Fee.

Sect. 3.—When a brother from another Division sends in his card and asks to be admitted to membership, it shall take the same course as a proposition, the adjoining fee to be paid at the time of admission.

Sect. 4.—When any brother wishes a card of clearance he shall signify it in open meeting, and if in good standing, the W. P. shall direct the F. S. to furnish such card upon his paying all dues against him on the Books of the Division.

Sect. 5.—This Division shall have jurisdiction over a brother to whom it has granted a card of clearance, for twelve months, unless notice is received of his card having been accepted by another Division.

Sect. 6.—~~Any Brother entitled to Benefits, obtaining a card of clearance from this Division, and uniting with another Division of our Order in regular standing, shall be entitled to receive Benefits from this Division for twelve months, provided the monthly dues are kept paid up, and he be in regular standing with the Division of which he is a member.~~

ARTICLE 11.—Suspended Members.

Suspended members, on being reinstated, shall pay the amount standing against them, at the time of their sus-

pension, together with the whole sum to which they would have been subject had they not been suspended; provided such additional sum shall not exceed Twenty Five Shillings; nor shall any suspended member be entitled to receive Benefits for three months from the time he is reinstated.

ARTICLE 12.—Ballotting.

Sect. 1.—In Ballotting for members, the Ballot Box shall be placed in full view of the W. P., and be examined by the W. P. and W. A.

Sect. 2.—All votes for the expulsion, suspension, or reinstatement of members, shall be by Ballot, and shall be determined by a two-third vote.

ARTICLE 13.—Funerals.

Sect. 1.—In case of the death of a brother, information shall be communicated to the W. P., who shall order the R. S. to call a meeting of the Division to attend the funeral, except the brother has died of some infectious disease, or his friends object.

Sect. 2.—The members shall assemble at the Division Room half an hour previous to the time appointed for the funeral, and it is specially enjoined upon the brethren to attend all funerals of members of this Division.

ARTICLE 14.—Vacancies.

All vacancies shall be filled at regular meetings.

ARTICLE 15.—Appeals.

Each member of this Division shall have a right of Appeal to the Grand Division.

ARTICLE 16.—Sectarianism.

No subject of a Sectarian or Political nature shall be introduced before the Division.

ARTICLE 17.—Amendments.

No part of these By-Laws shall be repealed, annulled, or altered, unless a proposal in writing be presented to the Division at least two regular meetings previous to the discussion ; when, if two-thirds of the members present vote in favor of the motion, it shall be adopted ; but any By-Law may be suspended for the evening by a two-third vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1 Opening Division in the manner prescribed in the B. B.
- 2 Reading Minutes of preceding meeting.
- 3 Reception of Reports of Investigating Committee.
- 4 Balloting for Candidates.
- 5 Initiation of Candidates.
- 6 Reception of Report of Visiting Committee.
- 7 Are any of the Brethren Sick ?
- 8 Has any Brother a Friend to propose as a proper person to become a Son of Temperance ?
- 9 Has any Brother violated the pledge ? Or does any Brother know of a Brother who has violated the Pledge ?
- 10 Reception of Reports of Committee of Finance.
- 11 Election of Officers.
- 12 Reception of Communications.
- 13 Reception of Reports of Special Committees.
- 14 Reading List of Fines.
- 15 Deferred, or New Business.

RULES OF ORDER.

THE CHAIR.

The W. P. shall state every question coming before the Division, and immediately before putting it to vote, shall ask, "Is the Division ready for the question?" Should no brother rise to speak, the W. P. shall proceed to state the question, and after he has risen, no brother shall be permitted to speak upon it. He shall announce the decision of the Division on all subjects. Should his decision be appealed from, the question shall be put thus, "Will the Division sustain the Chair in its decision?"

The W. P. shall not make or second any motion, or resolution, neither shall he take any part in debate while in the Chair.

DEBATE.

1. No question shall be entertained, unless moved and seconded; and all resolutions shall be submitted in writing, and signed by the brother offering the same, when required by the W. P.

2. No question shall be open for debate until stated by the W. P.

3. While a question is before the Division, no other shall be entertained, except, first, to amend; and but two amendments to a Resolution will be received. Second, to divide. Third, to postpone. Fourth, to lie on the table. Fifth, the previous question; and sixth, to adjourn.

4. Any question, containing two or more distinct propositions, may be divided by a majority vote without debate.

5. A motion to lie on the table shall be decided without debate.

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6. When the previous question is moved and seconded, the W. P. shall say, "The previous question has been moved and seconded, those in favour of the motion will signify," &c. If carried, the main question shall be put without further debate.

7. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a brother has the floor, and shall be decided without debate, unless a time is mentioned, in which case the time is debateable.

8. No brother shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission of the W. P.

9. When a Blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the lowest sum proposed.

10. When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote, without debate.

11. When a member appeals from the decision of the Chair, he shall rise and say, "W. P., I respectfully appeal from your decision." If the appeal is seconded, the W. P. shall put the question.

12. All votes shall be taken by show of hands, and when a question is called for, and a division demanded, those in favour of the motion shall be counted by the R. S., and those opposed to it shall be counted in like manner, and the result entered on the minutes, and announced by the W. P.

13. Every elected officer and brother shall be designated in debate, or otherwise, by his proper office or title, according to his standing in the order.

14. When a member wishes to speak, he shall rise and address himself to the W. P. When two or more rise together, the W. P. shall announce which shall have the floor, when the other shall immediately be seated. If a member be indisposed, he may be indulged to speak sitting.

15. When a brother obtains the floor he shall be heard, so long as he continues in order; and no other brother shall stand up, or move from place to place, or be allowed to speak or whisper, so as to interrupt the brother speaking.


16. When a brother has been called to order, he shall take his seat, when the point shall be stated, and after it is decided, he may proceed.

17. All points of order shall be decided by the Presid-

ing Officer, subject to an appeal to the body. He may, however, call for the sense of the body on any question of order, which shall be decided without debate.

REGULAR STANDING.

The term Regular Standing, as used in these By-Laws, or elsewhere, shall be understood to mean, not being under suspension, or being indebted to the Division for three months' dues or more ; and any member having been so indebted, shall not be considered in good standing, until after the lapse of thirteen regular nights of meeting, from the date of his paying the same, nor shall any brother who has been suspended, and re-elected, be considered in good standing for a like period after his re-election.



No smoking allowed in any of the Rooms of the Division.